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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 29, 2003, for which a three-month extension of time to January 29, 2004 is enclosed, please enter the following amendment and terminal disclaimer filed on September 26, 2003. Please also cancel claim 40, as indicated in the following amendment.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper .